

## Council Room

El Paso Texas June 7<sup>th</sup> 1883

The City Council met pursuant to adjournment on above date at appointed hour, His Honor Mayor Magoffin being absent, Ald. P. H. Keating took the chair & directed City Clerk to call the Roll which showed this result:

His Honor Mayor Joseph Magoffin absent, Aldermen Hague, Blum, Keating & Blacker present Ald. Schuster & Flood absent.

City Clerk Kuhn City Atty Pickler & City Marshal Manning present.  
The acting Mayor announced a quorum present.

It was moved & seconded that Marshal Frank Manning have two days leave of absence, until his report is approved, on which the vote was:  
Aldermen Hague, Blum, Keating & Blacker aye, the same declared carried.

Moved & seconded to adjourn to Monday June 4<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. 1883  
Ald Hague aye, Ald Blum aye, Ald Keating aye, Ald Blacker no. four votes cast three (3) for & one (1) against and the same declared carried. <sup>Approved</sup>

Approved

Attest  
D. L. Kahn  
City Clerk.

Mayor

## Council Room

El Paso Texas June 4<sup>th</sup> 1883

The City Council met on above date & appointed hour pursuant to adjournment His Honor Mayor Magoffin called the Council to order & directed that a call of the House be had & appearing from a call of the Council that there is not a quorum present, on motion it is resolved that this meeting of the council now stand adjourned until June 5<sup>th</sup> 1883 at 10 o'clock a.m. & that acting Marshal Geo Harris be instructed to be directed to bring into the Council Chamber the absent members Aldermen J. P. Hague, J. Blum & P. H. Keating at 10 o'clock a.m. June 5<sup>th</sup> 1883

The hour of meeting June 5<sup>th</sup> 1883 10 a.m. having arrived the Mayor called the Council to order, when the Roll call showing that Aldermen J. P. Hague, ~~J. Blum~~, D. Schuster, A. Blacker & C. Flood were present and Aldermen J. Blum & P. H. Keating absent being a quorum present. Also present City Clerk Kahn City Atty Pickler & Asst. Marshal Harris. Ald. Hague rose & objected to the legality of this meeting on the ground that there being no quorum present on June 4<sup>th</sup> 1883 when said Resolution purposing to be passed adjourning to this date & that Aldermen concerning with less number than a quorum could not act or transact any business except compel absent members to

Alled. The Mayor sustained the point of order raised by Ald Hague & immediately issued the following Call

Mayors Office El Paso Texas

By virtue of the authority in me vested by the Charter of our City  
I hereby summon you to meet at the Council Room at 10 a.m.  
J<sup>une</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1883 for the purpose of Electing a City Marshal,  
and Asst. City Marshal, acting on Reports of Marshal Manning  
& Asst. Marshal Comstock & on Bond of Engineer Elect Parker  
and upon certain Bills & accounts. Given under my hand &  
the Seal of the City this 5<sup>th</sup> June 1883 signed Joseph Magoffin Mayor  
attest signed El Paso City Clerk.

The Roll was then again called with same results as above.

It was now moved & seconded that the Council pro-  
ceed with the Election of City Marshal - Carried & the Council  
proceeded to vote by ballot for City Marshal

J. W. Boring having received four votes all the votes cast  
was declared duly elected City Marshal.

The next in order being the Election of an asst Marshal in  
place of J. H. Comstock asst. Marshal, the Council proceeded to  
to vote by ballot &

Jno L. Manning having received three (3) out of J. W. Johnson's one  
(1) vote - Jno L. Manning was declared duly elected asst. Marshal.

The Report of Asst. Marshal J. H. Comstock acting Marshal  
from April 1<sup>st</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> 1883, 53 arrests made - of which there were  
48 Convictions & 5 Dismissed & 1 Acquitted - Fines assessed \$270.20  
Paid into City Treasury \$253.20 - Worked off fines  $\frac{1}{2} \times$  standing over  
Collected by his successor  $\frac{1}{2} \times$  Total \$270.20, after due  
Examination the same was approved without further reference.

The Report of S. Manning Marshal from April 16<sup>th</sup> to June  
2<sup>nd</sup> 1883 reporting 163 arrests of which there were 138 Convi-  
ctions, 17 Dismissed & 6 Acquitted have sent before the grand jury  
being a State Case. Fines assessed \$670.20 including \$7.00 not  
collected by his predecessor - of which \$51.60 <sup>paid into treasury</sup> were not collected &  
\$188.20 worked total \$670.20, after due examination was approved.

J. N. Parker City Engineer Elect presented his Official Oath  
of his Bond in the sum of twenty five hundred (\$2500.00) dollars.  
Signed by himself as principal and S. W. Boring, J. A. Mackay  
and J. Gish as sureties & the same was approved.

The following accounts were then presented

S. L. Kahn	To Cash pd. for moving & cleaning furniture & Office	5.50
Do, Clerk for fees for himself & Mayor - worked on streets by prisoners	15.00	
J Manning, Marshal, for fees worked on streets by prisoners	8.00	
J H Comstock asst " " " " " " "	10.00	
Geo Harris " " " " " " "	4.00	
Thos Maad Policeman " " " " " " "	6.00	
	Total	\$79.10

It was moved & seconded that this account be & are hereby approved & that the sum of twenty nine & 10 dollars be & the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the City Treasury not otherwise appropriated - Carried.

The Council then adjourned to 8 P.M. of next regular meeting night.

Approved

Attest

S. L. Kahn

City Clerk

Joseph Mayoff

Mayor

### Council Room

El Paso Texas, June 9<sup>th</sup> 1883

The City Council met on above date & at appointed hour for its regular meeting; His Honor the Mayor being absent, Ald Keating took the Chair, called the Council to order, & ordered the Roll to be called. His Honor Joseph Mayoff Mayor Absent.

Ald. J. P. Hague 1<sup>st</sup> Ward present. Ald. S. Plano 1<sup>st</sup> Ward present

" P. H. Keating 2<sup>nd</sup> present " P. Schuster 2<sup>nd</sup> present

" A. Blacker 3<sup>rd</sup> present " A. F. Ford 3<sup>rd</sup> present

City Clerk S. L. Kahn, City Assy J. C. Buckner & Marshal J. M. Boring, present.

The Clerk reported the Result of the Roll Call & the Mayor present announced a quorum present.

The Reading of Minutes of previous meeting on motion seconded was dispensed with.

A communication from J. P. Leggett offering to sell the City Land at Concordia for Burial Ground & Hospital referred to the Committee on Health.

The Application of P. F. Lucy 1<sup>st</sup> Asst Chief & H. H. Carter 2<sup>nd</sup> Asst Chief of the Fire Department for Leave of Absence to attend Fire convention at Waco was granted.

The Oath of Office & Bond of J. W. Doring Marshal Clerk filed June 6<sup>th</sup> 1883 - with City Clerk - & said Bond being in usual form in sum of five hundred (\$500) Dollars with J. W. Doring as principal & Will J. Jewell & J. V. Hogan as sureties were read by the Clerk & Bond approved & accepted.

It was moved & seconded that a special Committee be appointed for the purpose of renting a Council Room, the one at present occupied as such since the one rented from Mr. Campbell & Reeder became untenable by fire, being unsuitable, was found by the Mayor pro tem appointed Ald. Hague, Blinn & Blood said Committee.

The following Bills were presented & referred to Committee on Finance  
 Herald Publishing Co 150 Copies Constitution & By Laws bound 18.00  
 H. A. Irvin & Co Itemized accts. of Books & Stationery 7.15

The Petition of P. C. Dunn praying to be appointed City Sergeant was called up by Ald. Blacker.

The Petition of G. Schatz & Bros. H. M. Murphy & others was presented by Ald. Shuster, praying for the opening of a new street westward from the intersection Lihuekum, San Francisco & Main Street in lieu of the street now occupied by the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio Rwy. was referred to Committee on Streets &c with instruction to report at next meeting of Council.

It was now moved & seconded that the franchise to the El Paso Stock Rwy. recorded on page 235 this book be so amended as to read: that the words of "five months" be inserted in place of "90 days" so that the <sup>Motion</sup> shall now read: <sup>franchise for his term</sup> "Provided, that the work be commenced within five months & completed by January street within six months from May 5<sup>th</sup> 1883" on which the aldermen voted as follows - Ald. Hague excused from voting Ald. Blinn voted aye Ald. Keating aye, Ald. Shuster aye Ald. Blacker Excused from voting Ald. Blood voting aye. There being four (4) votes cast all for the Motion, the same was declared carried.

The following Ordinance was then introduced & passed  
 An Ordinance of the City of El Paso making an additional appropriation for the improvement of the Public Square.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of El Paso  
 Section 1. That in addition to the sum heretofore appropriated for the improvement of the public squares of the City of El Paso the sum of five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated toward defraying the expense already incurred for the improvement of said public square  
 Section 2. This sum is appropriated all of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated & the same shall be paid to the Street Commissioner on a warrant drawn by the Mayor on the City Treasurer  
 Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect & be in force from & after its passage & approval by the Mayor.

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of El Paso providing for the issuance of five thousand dollars in bonds of this City for the purpose of Erecting a sewerage & drainage system of the city was then introduced & put on its passage by the Committee on Rev. of Ordinance & Rules, License as police to whom it had been referred After being duly read it was again read section by section by agreement to pass it section by section & Section 1<sup>st</sup> was adopted & passed as read by the following vote. Ald Hague no. Ald Blum aye & Ald Keating aye Ald Schuster aye Ald Blacker aye & Ald Flood aye - being 6<sup>six</sup> votes each five (5) for & one against its passage & declared to be carried in affirmation.

The Council here took a recess to Wednesday June 13<sup>th</sup> 1883 at 8 p.m.

Wednesday June 13<sup>th</sup> 1883. The Council reassembled at the expiration of the recess the Mayor & all the Aldermen present Also all City Council Officers present.

The first business in order being the reading of section two of above Ordinance the same was read & put on its passage It was moved by Ald. Flood & seconded by Ald Blum to insert that these Bonds be redeemable at option of the City at six years from date of issue Amended by Ald Schuster to insert five (5) years instead of six years seconded by Alderman Blacker

Moved by Alderman Hague & seconded by Alderman Keating to substitute for the Motion to amend that these Bonds be redeemable at the option of the City after the expiration of two years from date of issue -

The vote occurring on the substitute was lost by the following the Aldermen Hague & Keating voting aye & Aldermen Blum, Schuster, Blacker & Flood no - being six (6) votes cast two (2) for & four (4) against. The vote now occurring on the amendment the same was lost by the following vote Alderman Blacker & Schuster aye Aldermen Blum, Hague, Keating & Flood no - six votes cast two for & four against.

The vote on the Original motion was as follows Aldermen Hague, Keating & Schuster No- Aldermen Blue, Blacker & Flood aye - a tie vote <sup>and</sup> the Mayor gave the casting vote in favor of the motion & the same was declared carried. The Time for redemption of the Bonds being fixed Section 2 of the Ordinance was then passed.

Section 3 was then read & put on its passage & was adopted  
as passed as read by five to one A.D. ~~After~~ Flood voting no.  
Section 4 was then read & being put on its passage was adopted & passed as read.

It was now moved <sup>and</sup> seconded that the Ordinance as follows  
<sup>and</sup> being as passed by sections be now passed as a whole -  
Aldermen Hague, Chester & Blakely voting ay & Alderman  
no - being four votes each three for & one against the passage  
the same was declared passed <sup>and</sup> is in the following let-  
ters <sup>and</sup> figures to wit.

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of El Paso,  
providing for the issuance of five thousand Dollars in bonds  
of the City for the purpose of erecting a sewerage & drain-  
age system of the City:

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of El Paso:

Section 1. That in pursuance of a vote of more than two thirds of a vote polled at an election held in the City of El Paso on the eighteenth day of April 1882, to determine the question of the issuance of the bonds of the City to the extent of five thousand dollars for the purpose of erecting & maintaining a system of drainage & sewerage in said City, there be issued the bonds of said City to the extent of five thousand dollars, of the denomination of one hundred dollars each, for the purpose of carrying out said object, which bonds shall contain a promise that the City will pay to the bearer thereof of the amount thereof, at the times therein specified, & shall specify for what purpose they were issued, & shall be signed by the Mayor of the City & countersigned by the City Clerk, under the seal of

Section 9. Said Bonds shall be lithographed on bond paper,  
Each have attached thereto twenty interest coupons, numbered from  
one to twenty inclusive & numbered also correspond with the Bond to  
which they are attached, & shall be & become due ten years from  
the first day of July 1883, & shall bear interest at the rate of six  
per cent per annum from the first day of July 1883, which interest  
shall become due & payable semi annually on the first day of  
July & January of each year, provided that the City shall have

the privilege of redeeming any or all of said bonds at any time after the expiration of six years after their issuance.

Section 3. Said bonds shall be negotiated & sold by the Mayor of the City at such times & in such quantities & on such terms as the City Council of said City shall from time to time direct & order, & shall not be invalid if sold for less than their par value & they shall be payable at the Office of the Treasurer of the City of El Paso, in the City of El Paso, & the interest thereon shall be payable, at the times stated, in the City of New York. & for the prompt payment of the principal & interest thereof, the faith & credit of the City of El Paso is hereby solemnly pledged.

Section 4. The money derived from the sale of said bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer of the City, to be by him kept separate & apart from other City funds in his hand, & shall not be paid out except on the Order of the Mayor, signed & attested by the City Clerk, under the seal of the City specifying that the same is drawn on the drainage & sewerage fund.

Section 5. To provide a permanent sinking fund of the interest & at least ten per cent, per annum on the principal of said bonds, an annual ad valorem tax of three cents on the one hundred dollars worth of taxable property in the City, is hereby levied for each year & for the full time that said bond are to run to be collected by the City Assessor & Collector as other taxes are collected & by him promptly paid over to the City Treasurer, which fund shall be by him kept separate & apart from the other City funds in his hands, which fund shall not be diverted or drawn for any other purpose, & the Treasurer shall on no draft drawn on said fund, except to pay interest or to redeem the said bonds, & whenever there shall be on hand of said sinking fund, in excess of the amount necessary to pay interest, as much as five hundred dollars, the Mayor shall buy in & cancel the said bonds of the City, so far as said fund will go.

Section 6. Said Bonds shall be numbered from one up to fifty inclusive, & shall when issued be duly registered by the City Clerk & whenever one of them is taken up & cancelled, he shall note the number thereof in his record.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall continue in force & be irrepealable until all the bonds issued hereunder shall have been paid off & discharged by the City of El Paso, & shall take effect & be in force from and after its passage & approval by the Mayor.

The following was then adopted by the City Council as the form of said Bonds:

Drainage & Sewerage Bonds of the City of El Paso.  
The State of Texas  
County of El Paso.

Ten years from the first day of July, 1883, the City of El Paso, at the Treasurer's Office in said City, will pay to the bearer in gold or the currency of the United States, One Hundred Dollars with interest from said date at the rate of six per cent per annum, payable semi annually on the first day of July & the first day of January of each year, redeemable however at the option of said City at any time after the expiration of six years from the said first day of July, 1883.

This Bond is issued for the purpose of providing a fund for the erection & maintenance of a system of drainage & sewers in said City, as is authorized by the Charter thereof, & made legal by a vote of two-thirds ~~Majority~~ of the voters polled at an election held in said City, on the eighteenth day of April, 1882, to determine the question of procuring a loan of five thousand dollars for said purpose, & the faith & credit of said City is pledged for its prompt payment.

Issued El Paso, Texas, this the day of - 1883.

Mayor

City Clerk.

It was moved and seconded that this bond Ordinance be printed & published Carried

The City Council then took a recess to Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. - 1883.

Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup> 1883

The time having arrived when the recess expired the Council again convened as the Roll calling had it was found that the Mayor and all the Councilmen except old Shuster were present also all City officers required by Charter to be present were present.

An Ordinance regulating the erection of buildings & fixing fire limits of the City - was then read for the first time & laid over to next regular meeting of the insurance agents of the City were ordered to be invited to confer with the Council as to its advisability &c. & to suggest if further action be necessary.

The Council then adjourned to Monday June 18<sup>th</sup> 1883 at 8 p.m.

Approved

Joseph Mayr Jr.  
Mayor

Attest  
J. F. Kalan  
City Clerk.

## Council Room

El Paso Texas June 18, 1883

The City Council met pursuant to adjournment, His Honor the Mayor being absent, Ald. P. W. Keating took the Chair, Called the Council to order & directed the Clerk to call the Roll, which call resulted as follows:

His Honor Joseph Magoffin, Mayor absent;

Ald. J. P. Hague 1<sup>st</sup> Ward, present. Ald. J. Blum 1<sup>st</sup> Ward, present.

" P. W. Keating 2<sup>d</sup> " present. " B. Schuster 2<sup>d</sup> " absent.

" A. Blackwood 3<sup>d</sup> " absent; " A. J. Flood 3<sup>d</sup> " present.

Clerk S. L. Kuhn present, City Ass'ty. J. A. Buckner present, Work Boring present.  
The Mayor pro tem announced a quorum present.

It was moved & seconded that the Minutes referred to Committee on Revision of Ordinance &c for examination be taken from Committee & now read - Carried, Whereupon the Minutes of April 10<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> & May 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> 1883 were read & approved separately. The reading of the minutes of May 26<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> & June 2<sup>d</sup> were also read & approved separately.

Ald. Flood from Committee on Health reported that M. Kaeland & Harris on desire to withdraw their communication on City Burrying Ground & it was moved & seconded that Kaeland & Harris be permitted to withdraw said communication filed Feby 6<sup>th</sup> & referred to Comm. on Health Feby 15<sup>th</sup> 1883 & recorded page 187 this book - which motion was Carried.

Further time was granted to Committee on Health on communication from Board of Health on suppression of Opium smoking & dens within the City. Also further time granted same Committee on Communication from J. B. Leigh relative to City Cemetery &c. at an earlier date.

The Special Committee on Petition of J. P. Salter & Waite & Jas. Marr praying for franchise for Water Works, reported recommending that the same be not granted.

It was moved & seconded that the report of the Committee be adopted, Carried.

The Special Comm. to whom was referred the Petition of Marr & Salter & Waite asking for franchise for Gas works asked for further time & the same was granted.

Moved by Ald. Flood & seconded by Ald. Hague that the bills of Sylvester Walter for Rent of Hydrants be paid. The votes on

this motion being Ald. Hague & Flood aye & Ald. Blum & Keating no - being two for & two against the motion no result <sup>say</sup> the same was declared lost.

It was moved & seconded that the Mayor be authorized & Empowered to temporarily provide a Room for Hospital use. All the Aldermen present voting for this motion the same was declared carried.

Moved & seconded that Officer J. H. Johnson receive \$5.00 extra compensation for Month of May for guarding jails - or shanties in which were cases of small pox carried by following voter Ald. Hague, Blum, Keating & Flood voting aye & the motion declared carried unanimously.

The Bill of Mrs V. M. Cummings for two Window Curtains or shades for Council Room for \$7.50 was presented & it was moved & seconded that the same be paid, carried.

The special Committee of which Ald. Blum is Chairman & to whom was heretofore referred the report of City Health Officer, was granted further time to report.

The Council then adjourned to next regular meeting but at 8p. m instead of 3p. m. of said date.

Approved

Attest  
J. Blum  
City Clerk

Mayor

Council Room

El Paso Texas June 23 1888

The City Council met for its regular meeting on above date & at appointed hour, Mayor Magoffin being absent. Ald. Keating called the council to order & directed the City Clerk to call the roll, with the following result:

His Honor Joseph Magoffin, Mayor absent.

Ald. J. P. Hague 1<sup>st</sup> Ward, present; Ald. S. Blum 1<sup>st</sup> Ward, present.

" P. H. Keating 2<sup>d</sup> present; " C. Blakely 2<sup>d</sup>, absent.

" A. Blacker 3<sup>d</sup> present; " A. J. Flood 3<sup>d</sup>, present.

City Clerk, S. S. Kahn, present, City Attorney J. A. Snodgrass present.

Marshal W. Boring, present. The Clerk reported

His Honor the Mayor & Ald. absent & 5 Aldermen present.

The Mayor having vacated a quorum present the Council proceeded to business before it.

The Minutes of Proceeding of this Commt of June 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> 1883 were read & each separately approved.

The Clerk read a communication from J. D. Barnard & Co. It was ordered filed.

Communication from Insurance Agen. of this City received & read, giving their views on Insurance & fire limits, the same was referred to Commt. on Rev. of Ordinances, Rules, Licence & Police.

Communication from J. B. Lehigh, June 23<sup>rd</sup> - on Burrying Ground & Hospital, referred to Committee on Health.

The following Ordinance was then introduced & read  
Ordinance regulating the Office of City Engineer, & the duties of the City Engineer.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of El Paso.  
Section 1. That it shall be the duty of the City Engineer to establish throughout the City initial points or monuments, taking as a base running from a stone monument established by A. D. Fingo City Engineer at the intersection of the center line of <sup>San Francisco Street with the center line of</sup> El Paso street, to a monument the same being an iron pin, established by City Engineer, at the intersection of the center line of West Overland street, with the center line of El Paso street. And from said point so established he shall extend the surveys of the City in conformity to what is known as the Anson Mills Map of the City of El Paso, & the original maps of the several additions to said City.

And it shall also be his duty when called on so to do, to locate, Establish & survey all lines of property, public or private within the limits of said City, - & to make all surveys & calculations for grading, leveling or other work to be done on streets, alleys, sidewalks, squares, plazas, bridges, culverts & sewers. To make all plans & specifications for public works. To draw all maps or plats that may be required by the Mayor or City Council - provided that when any line of any street or property has been surveyed or located by the City Engineer, the same shall not be changed by him or his successors, without good cause shown & an order of the City Council.

Section 2. The City Engineer shall keep suitable records of all surveys made by him, showing plats of the lots & other places so surveyed & how the same were done. He shall also make such reports as may be required either by the Mayor or City Council.

Section 3. That the City Engineer shall report at the end of each month what work has been performed by him, with a list of names of his employees engaged on public work, specifying in detail the work done by said employees.

At the time engaged in such public work, & shall certify to the correctness of the same.

**Section 4.** He shall keep a blotter or day book in which he shall enter all work done daily, for the City or private parties. He shall keep a register containing a list of all maps and drawings, which maps & drawing shall be numbered in conformity with the register & kept in his Office. All of said maps & drawings shall be deemed held, property & transferred to his successor in Office.

**Section 5** All work done by the City Engineer <sup>for the City</sup> shall be submitted to the City Council for their approval.

**Section 6.** When making surveys or inspections or performing other duties required of him by the City Council he shall be furnished by the City the necessary assistance to be paid by the City, in like manner as other claims against the City.

**Section 7.** That the City Engineer shall receive as compensation for his services the annual salary of One Hundred dollars, payable in monthly installments.

**Section 8.** That any person, who shall remove, deface or otherwise injure or interfere with any initial point or monument, stake or stone existing set for the line or corner of any survey made by the City Engineer, shall on conviction before the Mayor's Court be fined in any sum not less than Five nor exceeding One Hundred dollars in each case.

**Section 9.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance or any provision thereof are hereby repealed.

**Section 10.** This Ordinance shall take effect & be in force from & after its legal publication.

This Ordinance after being read as a whole was taken up section by section & each section from one to ten duly adopted. When it was moved & seconded that the Ordinance as a whole be adopted & passed, which motion was unanimously carried.

The Council then adjourned to Tuesday June 26<sup>th</sup> 1883 at 8 p.m.  
Approved

Attest  
S L Kahn  
City Clerk.

Mayor

## Council Room

El Paso Texas June 26<sup>th</sup> 1883.

The City Council met pursuant to adjournment the Mayor being absent, Ald. Acting Mayor pro tem called the Council to order & directed the Clerk to call the Roll, which resulted as follows: His Honor Joseph Magoffin, Mayor, absent; Ald. J. P. Hague, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward, present; Ald. J. Blum, 1<sup>st</sup> Ward, present  
 " J. W. Keating 2<sup>d</sup> " present. " D. Schuster 2<sup>d</sup> " absent  
 " A. Glazier 3<sup>d</sup> " present. " A. F. Flood 3<sup>d</sup> " present  
 City Clerk S. Graham, present; City Attorney J. A. Duckler, present; Marshal S. H. Birring, present. The Clerk reported the Mayor & one Alderman absent & five (5) Aldermen, present, & all City Officers present, & the Mayor pro tem announced a quorum present, & the Council proceeded to the transaction of the business before it.

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The Petition of J. H. Hawkins praying for permission to lay a track from the G.H. & S.A. Track to Block one (1) Hills Map without crossing Oregon Street, was received & read & referred to Committee on Streets &c. with map.

It was moved & seconded, that Dr. Garrison surgeon of the G.H. & S.A. Ray be permitted to address the council, in order to explain a place of his for establishing a Hospital in this City - Carried

Dr. Garrison, then explained at some length his place for establishing a Union Hospital at this place by all or some of the Regts. centering here, in connection with the City.

It was moved & seconded that the Clerk prepare for lithographing the exact copy in compliance with Ordinance #1 form adopted June 13<sup>th</sup> 83 according to which the Bonds to be issued are to be lithographed, & the Coupons to same. Also a form for the printing of a ruled Register for Bonds, & that he submit them to the Committee on Rec. of Ordinances &c. & on their being approved by said Committee, he shall forward said copies to G.D. Barnard & Co. St Louis, to have the work done accordingly, carried.

A Report with accompanying Estimate from City Engineer on setting stone stones or monuments within ten feet of outer line of each intersecting street - on El Paso street & at intersection of alternate streets, was received, read & referred to Committee on Streets &c.

The Committee on obtaining suitable Rooms for use of Council, Office &c. was granted further time & the Acting Mayor was on motion duly requested added to said Committee.

Ald. Hague introduced the following Ordinance, which was seconded by Ald. Flood

An Ordinance increasing the number of Wards of the City of El Paso from three to six & defining their limits.

The ordinance after being read was on motion of Ald. Blaekeler decided by Ald. Hague, made the special business for June 27<sup>th</sup> 1883 <sup>that the same be printed in full, El Paso Times of June 27<sup>th</sup></sup> at 5 p.m., to which date & hour the Council then took a recess.

Tuesday June 27<sup>th</sup> 1883 5 p.m.

The Council assembled at the expiration of the recess taken June 26<sup>th</sup> 1883. Mayor Magoffin in the Chair, The Roll call showing the following Aldermen & Officers present.

Mayor Joseph L. Magoffin, Aldermen Hague, Blum, Keating, Blaekeler & Flood present, Alderman Schuster absent. City Clerk Kahn, City Attorney Bucklow & Marshal Boring, present. His Honor the Mayor announced a quorum present.

It was moved by Alderman Flood & seconded by Ald. Hague that the Ordinance introduced June 26<sup>th</sup> 1883, being: An Ordinance increasing the number of Wards of the City of El Paso from three to six & defining their limits, be now passed. On which motion the Aldermen voted as follows: Ald. Hague, "aye"; Ald. Blum, "aye"; Ald. Keating, "aye"; Ald. Blaekeler, "aye"; Ald. Flood, "aye". Ald. Blaekeler explained his voting in affirmative being so he may have the privilege to move for a reconsideration.

There being five (5) votes cast, all for the motion, the same was declared carried & the Ordinance passed accordingly. The Ordinance as passed being as follows:

An Ordinance increasing the number of Wards in the City of El Paso from three to six & defining their limits.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of El Paso:

Section 1. The number of Wards in the City of El Paso shall be six.

Section 2. Ward number One shall comprise all that portion of the City within the following limits, to wit: Beginning at intersection of the center of El Paso & San Francisco Street; thence southerly along the center of San El Paso Street to the intersection of the center of El Paso Street with the center of Donora Street produced; thence westerly at right angles to El Paso Street to the center of Donora & Santa Fe streets; thence southerly along the center of Santa Fe Street to the center of the channel of the Rio Grande; thence north westerly along the center of its channel,

with its meanders to the point of the intersection of San Francisco street. Hence easterly along the center of San Francisco street to the point of intersection with El Paso street, the place of beginning Section 3. Ward number Two, shall comprise all that portion of the City, within the following limits, to wit: Beginning at said point of intersection of the centers of El Paso & San Francisco streets. Hence north easterly on a straight line to the center of St Louis street. Hence north easterly along the center of St Louis street to its intersection with the center of Stanton street. Hence north westerly along the center of Stanton street produced, to the point of intersection with the north boundary line of the City. Hence westerly along such boundary line to the center of the channel of the Rio Grande. Hence easterly along the channel of the Rio Grande with its meanders, to the point of intersection with the center of San Francisco street. Hence easterly along the center of San Francisco street to the center of El Paso street, the place of beginning Section 4. Ward number Three shall comprise all that portion of the City, within the following limits, to wit: Beginning at the point of the intersection of St Louis & Utah streets. Hence southeasterly along the center of Utah street to its intersection with the center of Texas street, Hence north easterly along the center of Texas street produced in conformity to the map of the Campbell addition, to the east boundary line of the City. Hence northerly along such east boundary line to the north eastern corner of the City. Hence westerly along the north boundary line of the City, to the point of intersection with the center of Stanton street, produced in conformity to said map. Hence south easterly along the center of Stanton street as produced to its intersection with St Louis street. Hence south westerly along the center of St Louis street to its intersection with Utah street, the place of beginning Section 5. Ward number Four shall comprise all of that following portion of the City, within the following limits, to wit: Beginning at the intersection of the centers of El Paso & San Francisco streets. Hence southerly along the center of El Paso street to a point, which would be the center of Sonora street produced. Hence westerly, at right angles to El Paso street to the intersection of Sonora & Santa Fe streets. Hence southerly along the center of Santa Fe street to the center of the channel of the Rio Grande. Hence easterly along the center of the channel of the Rio Grande to the point of its intersection with the center of Oregon street produced. Hence northerly along the center of Oregon street to its intersection with a straight line drawn from the most east corner of lot number

thirty three (33) in block number six (6), to the southwest corner of lot number thirty one (31) in Block number five (5). Then on a straight line to the intersection of the centers of El Paso & San Francisco two streets, the place of beginning.

**Section 6** Ward number five shall comprise all that portion of the City within the following limit, to wit: Beginning at the intersection of the centers of El Paso & San Francisco Streets; thence northeasterly on a straight line to the center of St Louis Street; thence northeasterly along the center of St Louis Street to its intersection with the center of Main Street; thence southerly along the center of Main Street to its intersection with the center of Oregon Street; thence along the center of Oregon Street produced in conformity to said map to its intersection with the east boundary of the City; thence south along such east boundary to its intersection with the center of Magoffin Avenue, produced in conformity to said map; thence southwesterly along the center of Magoffin Avenue to its intersection with the partition line with the Magoffin & Campbell Addition, shown on said map. thence along said partition line south east & south to its intersection with the center of East Overland Street; thence westerly along the center of East Overland Street to its intersection with the center of Oregon Street; thence north westerly along the center of Oregon Street to its intersection with a straight line drawn between the said corners of said lots numbers thirty one & thirty three. thence westerly on a straight line to the intersection of the centers of El Paso & San Francisco Streets, the place of beginning.

**Section 7** Ward number six shall comprise all that portion of the City within the following limits, to wit: Beginning at the intersection of the centers of East Overland & Oregon Street; thence southerly along the center of Oregon Street to the its intersection with the channel of the Rio Grande; thence easterly along the center of such channel, with its meanders, to its intersection with the east boundary line of the City; thence north along such east boundary line to its intersection with the center of Magoffin Avenue, produced in conformity to said map. thence south westerly along the center of Magoffin Avenue to its intersection with said partition line. thence south east & south as indicated on said map to its intersection with the center line of East Overland Street; thence south westerly along the center of East Overland Street to its intersection with the center of Oregon Street, the place of beginning.

Section 8. All Ordinance & resolutions, & parts of ordinances & resolutions in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 9. This Ordinance shall be in force & take effect from & after the twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) day of July 1883.

A communication from J. B. Leahy on Cemetery & Hospital further explaining his offer, received, read & referred to Committee on Health.

It was moved & seconded, that the Mayor is hereby authorized & empowered to rent certain buildings of J. Schutz for City Hall, City Officer's Jail & fire engine house, & carried.

The Council then adjourned, to regular meeting second Saturday in July 8 p.m.

Approved

Attest  
D.S. Kahn  
City Clerk.

Mayor

Council Room

El Paso Texas July 14<sup>th</sup> 1883.

The City Council met for its regular session on above date & at appointed hour, His Honor Joseph Magoffin, Mayor in the Chair, who called the Council to order & directed the Clerk to call the roll, which showed all the members & Officers of the council present.

The Clerk announced that he had a message from His Honor the Mayor & proceeded to read the same, which was as follows:

To the Honorable Aldermen of the City of El Paso.  
I hereby return to you with my veto a certain Ordinance passed by you on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 1883, & entitled, "An ordinance increasing the number of wards in the City of El Paso from three to six & defining their limits."

My principal reasons for withholding my approval of this ordinance are that six wards are entirely too many for a city the size of El Paso. There are no interests of the city that can in any conceivable manner be advanced by the creation of three more wards, than we have now.

It cannot be said, that more wards are necessary in order to facilitate the holding of elections, because the entire legal voting population of the city is probably not over six hundred if that many? - really enough for one ward in a city of (15,000) fifteen thousand people. If it can not be maintained, that twelve alderman could any more rapidly or advantageously dispatch the business of the city than six, nor would it be any easier matter to get